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ANIMAL BEHAVIOR SOCIETY TO HOLD CONFERENCE AUG. 7-13 AT UM MISSOULA --

The Animal Behavior Society, a group with about 2,600 members, will meet at the University of Montana Aug. 7-13 to discuss research on creatures ranging from the three spine stickleback to the cotton-top tamarin.

At the annual conference, held for the first time in Missoula, researchers from Mexico, Canada and across the United States will present 319 scientific papers. Don Jenni, associate dean of UM's new Division of Biological Sciences, expects at least 600 and maybe as many as 900 people to attend.

Among the highlights will be a symposium on "Adaptations to Alpine Environments," which will explore the behavior of creatures such as ptarmigan, caribou and marmots. Jenni says UM researchers requested this session because "Montana is one of the few states with extensive alpine habitats." Another symposium will delve into "Vocal Behavior in Female Birds," a subject long ignored by researchers absorbed with the singing prowess of males of the species.

The conference will also feature a session on "Animal Care and Use: Regulations, Practices and Improvements" and a film festival. The films, which will be free and open to the public,

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will be shown in the Mount Sentinel Room of the University Center. They are:

Film competition:

Sunday, Aug. 7 -- "To Be a Butterfly," 7 p.m.
"Grizzlies," 8 p.m.
"The Secret Leopard," 8:55 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 8 -- "The Rains Came," 7 p.m.
"A Family of Chimps," 7:50 p.m.
"Raising Crane," 8:45 p.m.

Oldies night:

Wednesday, Aug. 10 -- "Army Ants," 7 p.m.
"Imprinting," 7:30 p.m.
"Behavior of Macaques," 8:10 p.m.
"Life in a Weaverbird Colony,"
8:40 p.m.
"A Trout Stream in Winter," 9 p.m.
"Life on a Thread," 9:20 p.m.

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